surprise the executioner's sword He covered his face and discovered it twice or thrice, and at the second time he prayed one of his ghostly fathers to comfort him, for he himself could do no more , and as he went about to uncover his face again, the executioner struck off his head

His death generally is lamented, yet his best friends do acknowledge that from his infancy he hath been a great blasphemer and that he was of a disposition so savage that he has with his own hand murdered five hundred persons in cold blood.

yzih July SPEECHES OF THE EARL OF LINCOLN

The Earl of Lincoln is called m question for a speech alleged to have been made shortly after the arraignment of the late Earl of Essex Quoth he, * I cannot be persuaded that the Queen will consent to the death of one with whom she has been so familiar I myself have seen her kiss him twenty times * Being taxed with this speech the Earl denied it very vehemently, declaring that the report is a practice put upon him by his enemies.

2nd August THE QUEEN AT THE LORD KEEPER'S

The Queen and the Court on their progress being entertained at the Lord Keeper's house at Harefield there came into the Presence a manner with a box under his arm containing sundry things supposed to have come from the carrack At his entry he sang a song of Cynthia, Queen of seas and lands, which being ended he made a short speech He gave lots to the ladies for the things in his box, whereof twenty-nine were for gifts and five were blank, but in all a posy written A while after the Countess of Derby (my Lord Keeper's wife), finding the Queen in her merriest moved that it would please her to accept of the Lady Strange and her sister to wait on her

in her privy chamber, and to bestow them in marriage where she thought fit, or at least to give her leave to bestow them [9] at which motion the Queen was exceedingly passionate and commanded silence in that behalf. The Queen hunteth every second or third day, for the most part on horseback, and showeth little decay in ability A country woman viewing her in the progress told her neighbours standing near that the Queen looked very old and ill, one of the guard, overhearing her, said she should be hanged for these words, and frighted the poor woman exceedingly.